

## **Coburn #2828 – Set authorization level to \$14.4 billion from 2015-2020 (level funding)**

At a time when the nation’s fiscal situation is dire, no federal program should be reauthorized without a clear funding level.

The proposed reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant would allow the program to spend whatever it wants through 2020.

This amendment would implement an authorization level of \$14.4 billion, the amount consistent with the program’s past spending levels, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).<sup>1</sup>

This reauthorization would make a number of changes to CCDBG that increase the spending requirements of the program. They will add to the overall cost by about \$1.6 billion.<sup>2</sup>

A simple extension of the program would cost about \$2.4 billion per year, CBO says.<sup>3</sup> This amendment will cap the program at existing levels, and any increases should be offset by corresponding reductions elsewhere.

The bill increases program costs in a number of ways:

- Preventing states from doing income verification more than once per year will add \$175 million a year to costs
- Adding to states’ licensing procedures will add \$35 million a year
- Requiring a certain portion of spending to go to quality improvement will add \$25 million each year
- Mandating certain health and safety policies will add \$20 million a year
- New consumer data standards will add \$10 million per year
- Federal criminal background check standards will add \$1 million per year

Adding to the national debt may be expedient for politicians but will ultimately crush our children.

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<sup>1</sup> “S. 1086: Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014”, Congressional Budget Office, February 25, 2014, <http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s1086.pdf>.

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